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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
KENTARO HANADA, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :  
(BASED ON PCT/JP04/04455)  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: DRUG PROMOTING CERAMIDE :  
TRANSPORT, BASE SEQUENCE :  
FOR PRODUCING THE DRUG,  
METHOD OF MEASURING  
ACTIVITY OF PROMOTING  
CERAMIDE RELEASE AND  
METHOD OF MEASURING  
ACTIVITY OF PROMOTING  
INTERMEMBRANE CERAMIDE  
TRANSFER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.